

WOMAN SAVED FROM
GALLOWS HEAD

Mattie Lomax, Kept From
Nose by The Times, Suc-
cumbs to Tuberculosis.

Within less than a year from the time she was saved from the gallows through the efforts of The Washington Times, Mattie Lomax, colored, convicted of the murder of her husband, died in the hospital ward of the District Jail of tuberculosis. Her death bears out the declaration made at the time that even as she stood in the shadow of the gallows until her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by President Taft, she was marked for death by the white plague.

Her death recalls one of the most remarkable cases in the criminal annals of the District, because there was anything unusual in the crime of which she was convicted, but because of the widespread publicity for Executive Clemency that was made after The Washington Times took up its campaign to save the victim from the stain of hanging a woman.

Thousands Signed Petition.
After The Times took up the Lomax case, thousands of petitions poured in on the White House. The Times petition, bearing 50,000 signatures protesting against the hanging, was one of these. One mass meeting was held at which 3,000 people voiced their disapproval of the sentence of hanging. Newspapers all over the country joined The Times in protesting against what they considered would be a blot on the nation's honor.

The appeals were not in vain. First sentenced to be hanged on July 13, 1911, she was later commuted to life imprisonment on August 12, 1912. President Taft commuted the sentence to life imprisonment, declaring that the evidence left room for doubt that the crime had been premeditated.

Prominent among the men who joined The Times in its campaign against the death sentence for the woman was Congressman Charles Powers, who himself had been in the shadow of the gallows after conviction for alleged conspiracy in the murder of former Governor Goetz of Kentucky.

Powers Defended Woman.
Congressman Powers declared it would be a stain on the national honor to hang the woman for her crime. He pointed out that one woman, Mrs. Surratt, had been sentenced to hang in the District for complicity in the murder of President Lincoln, but her sentence had been passed by a military and not a civil tribunal.

Before Mattie Lomax died yesterday of tuberculosis, after remaining at the point of death for months, her mind had shown signs of giving way, and her friends feared that she would become insane. Death not only brought an end to her suffering, but it also removed the stigma of being a tuberculosis victim, and the jail officials objected to taking care of a life prisoner.

Conviction for Murder.
The crime for which the woman died in imprisonment was the fatal shooting of her husband, Cecil Lomax, December 16, 1910, at his home, 1838 Eleventh street northwest. She survived the shooting, but her husband had shot himself while engaged in an attack upon her. She was convicted of the murder and sentenced to hang.

The aged mother of the dead woman who lived in the country, has claimed the body and will arrange the burial at her home.

Two Pulmotors
Saved Nine Lives
Hospitals Give Credit Due to
Emergency Apparatus for
Preventing Deaths.

Nine lives have been saved by the pulmotor in Washington since machines of this type were donated to the Emergency and Casualty Hospitals by the Washington Railway and Electric Company about three months ago, and became a part of the regular equipment on the ambulances of the two institutions.

At least, this is the estimate made by ambulance surgeons at the two hospitals today. Of course, the physicians cannot make a definite statement to the effect that the nine persons, all of whom were suffering from gas poisoning, would have died had it not been for the machines, which, although simple in means of operation, but the condition of each was such, when the pulmotor was applied, that under usual conditions there would have been but little hope of recovery.

At the Casualty Hospital it is estimated that four persons have been saved by the pulmotor, while at the Emergency the number is placed at five. The machines have been used on several other patients suffering from gas poisoning, but none of the others were in a critical condition and probably would have recovered anyway.

The surgeons which have attended the use of pulmotors in Washington is far ahead of the expectations of the hospital surgeons when the instruments were first installed, and so far there has not been a case where the pulmotor has been used in gas cases, except where life was practically extinct and the machine was used with the knowledge beforehand that the patient was full, where the patient has not recovered.

The Emergency and Casualty ambulances carry the machines regularly, while pulmotors are kept at the Bureau of Mines, the gas office, and at the electric company's plant from which they can be brought at an instant's notice in case it is impossible to get either of the two ambulances.

Lamar Expected to
Escape Punishment

The Department of Justice may never be able to convict David Lamar, the Wolf of Wall Street, for his impersonation of Congressmen. This is indicated today in the admission of the Attorney General that the statute covering such action is vague.

District Attorney Marshall is still investigating the case, although the department has received no word as to the action of the grand jury in New York which is considering Lamar's actions.

The Attorney General admitted this afternoon that he had received word from the district attorney, but said that it did not show definite developments.

ARGUMENTS HEARD
OVER ROAD ROUTE

State Highway Commissioner Wilson Attends Meeting of Fairfax County Citizens, Held to Consider Line of Quebec to Miami Highway From Alexandria to Lorton.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JULY 12.—State Highway Commissioner W. St. John Wilson was present yesterday afternoon at a meeting of citizens of Fairfax county, held at Sherwood Hall, and heard arguments concerning the proper route to be selected as the part of the Quebec-to-Miami highway from this city to Lorton. It is expected he will make known his decision in a few days.

Late yesterday afternoon an overcast was found on the breakwater of the newly reclaimed land at Bapting Cove, below this city. A note was pinned on the coat which read, "I'm sick and had to drown myself." The coat was taken to the station house, but has not been identified. It is generally believed it is the work of a practical joker.

At a special session of the police court, held last night to investigate charges of housebreaking by the accused William Berkley, colored, the defendant was dismissed, and Charles Lewis, a witness for the prosecution, was held for the action of the grand jury.

Some time ago a house on South Lee street was entered and a number of articles were stolen, including a woman's coat and a graphophone. At the hearing yesterday afternoon, the police justice was convinced by the evidence that the crime had been committed by a man named Berkley, and ordered him held for the grand jury, dismissing Berkley.

The traffic bureau, with a maximum capital stock of \$25,000 and minimum of \$5,000, has been granted a charter by the Virginia corporation commission. The officers and incorporators are P. W. Robertson, president; R. G. Finney, secretary; and W. T. Poole, of Washington, treasurer.

The Rev. J. C. Tennent died at the Alexandria Hospital yesterday afternoon at the age of eighty-seven. The Rev. Tennent, who was a retired Episcopal clergyman, had lived for some years past at Falls Church.

The July term of the United States court for the Eastern district of Virginia closed here yesterday. In the case of W. F. Groves, indicted on a charge of retailing liquor without a license, the court suspended sentence, since it was shown to the court's satisfaction that the accused had been sufficiently punished in the State court.

Mrs. Margaret McGraw, who died Thursday, was buried in Bethel Cemetery, who died yesterday. Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Dwyer, at Del Ray, at 2 o'clock.

The July term of the corporation court for this city will convene on Monday next for the trial of civil cases pending.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock for Leonard Goehring, who died yesterday. Services will be at the house, 10 City road, and interment will be in St. Paul's cemetery.

The Fairfax county fair will be held October 1 and 2 at Fairfax. The claims of several other county towns were considered, and Fairfax finally was chosen by the committee.

Past Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, of the local lodge of Elks, has returned from Rochester, N. Y., where he attended the Elks convention.

J. Zimmerman, Jr., called this week for London, to spend about six weeks abroad.

With full military honors, and escorted by a mounted platoon of engineers from the Washington barracks, the body of Lieut. Loren H. Call, the army aviator who was killed last Tuesday when an airplane fell with him in Texas City, Tex., was buried in Arlington cemetery today.

The services were held in the Calvary M. E. Church, Columbia road near Fourteenth street, the sermon being preached by the Rev. John T. Ennor, pastor. The military pallbearers were Maj. Edgar Russell, of the Signal Corps; Capt. James L. Walsh, of the Coast Artillery; Lieut. H. A. Arnold, of the Ninth Infantry, and Lieut. C. A. Edwards, S. H. McCleary and Willis Shipman, of the Cavalry.

The casket was borne to the cemetery on a caisson and a bugler sounded "Taps" over the fresh mound.

In addition to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Call, of New Newton street northwest, the Lieutenant is survived by a brother, J. W. Call, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Edith Call, of the same address.

He was taken to the Call home where it remained until taken to the church.

CONGRESSMEN WILL
CLASH BATS TODAY

Two Fine Teams Signed Up, But
Decisions to Umpire for
a Game in Doubt.

"We've got two fine ball teams signed up for our game this afternoon to aid the Washington Playground Association, but we haven't agreed on an umpire," said Congressman Miller, manager of the Republican forces, today, as he was rushing his colleagues through so as not to delay the opening of the game at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Murdoch is out of town and we must have a new umpire, but as the Republicans want Jim Mann and the Democrats want Champ Clark, we may have to compromise by adopting the double umpire system and using both of them.

The teams representing the Democrats and Republicans of Congress will be cheered by their colleagues in Congress and by others high in Washington's official life when they meet on the diamond at American League Park at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

There has been a big sale of tickets and it is believed a large sum will be added to the playground fund as a result of the game. The Marine Band will be on hand to play before and during the game.

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